

Agnes Aguchak and Don Akerelrea teach "yuraq" to elementary pupils.

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Scammon Bay students learn traditional skills in workshop

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SCAMMON BAY — A three-week Cultural Heritage Program began at Keggatmiut school here last month.

There were all kinds of activities go-

ing on during this time.

The physical education students in the high school did Eskimo dancing, while the Yupik and other classes did skin sewing, beadwork, Kuspuk making and listened to Yupik stories. Morgan Simon made a little pair of mukluks for a baby boy, and the girls made kuspuks.

Norman Charlie also started on his

own pair of mukluks.

The elementary students also participated in Eskimo dancing, and they did beadwork, basket making, kuspuk making, ivory and wood carving and listened to Yupik stories.

Some students made some beautiful carrings and neuklaces from beads, and others made some pretty kuspuks.

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Akerelrea, Lucy Henry, Theresa Hunter and Norlita Hunter for kuspuk making and beadwork.

The teachers for the Eskimo dancing were Dan Akerelrea and Agnes

Aguchak.

Mariann Sundown taught basket making. Mike Uttereyuk and Felix Walker did the ivory and wood carving, and the elder who told the old Yupik stories was Teddy Sundown.